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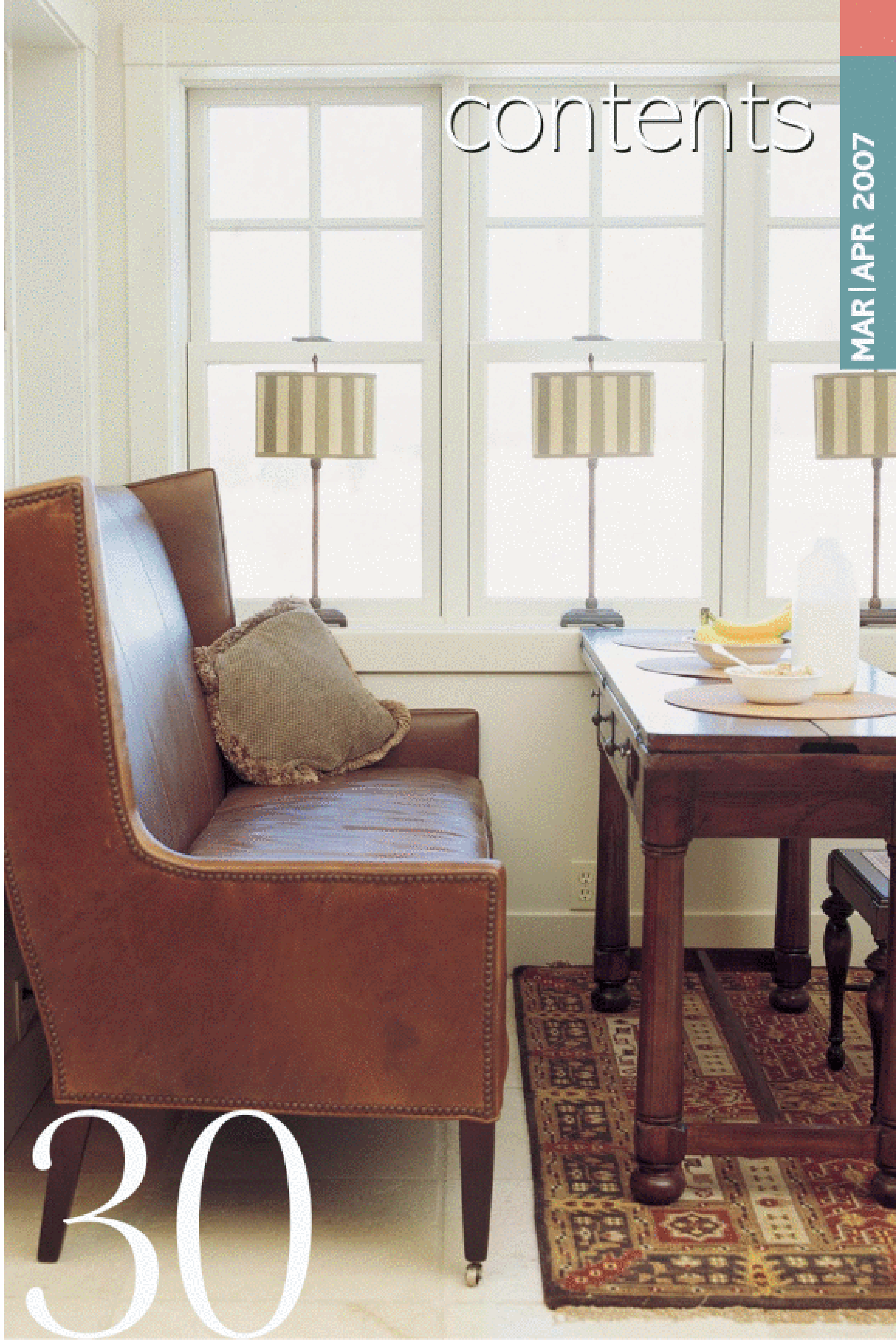

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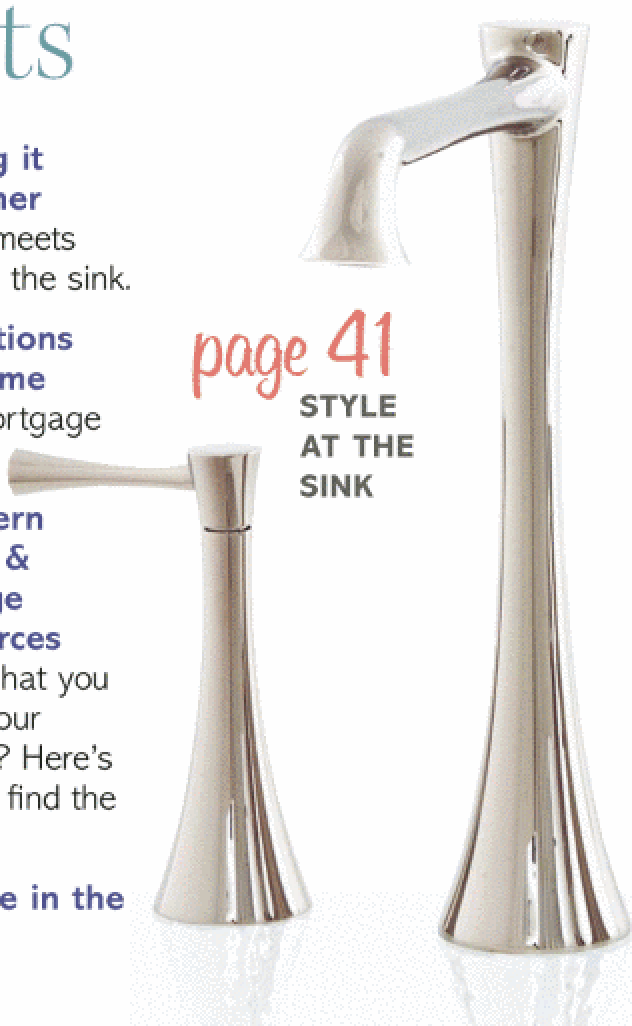

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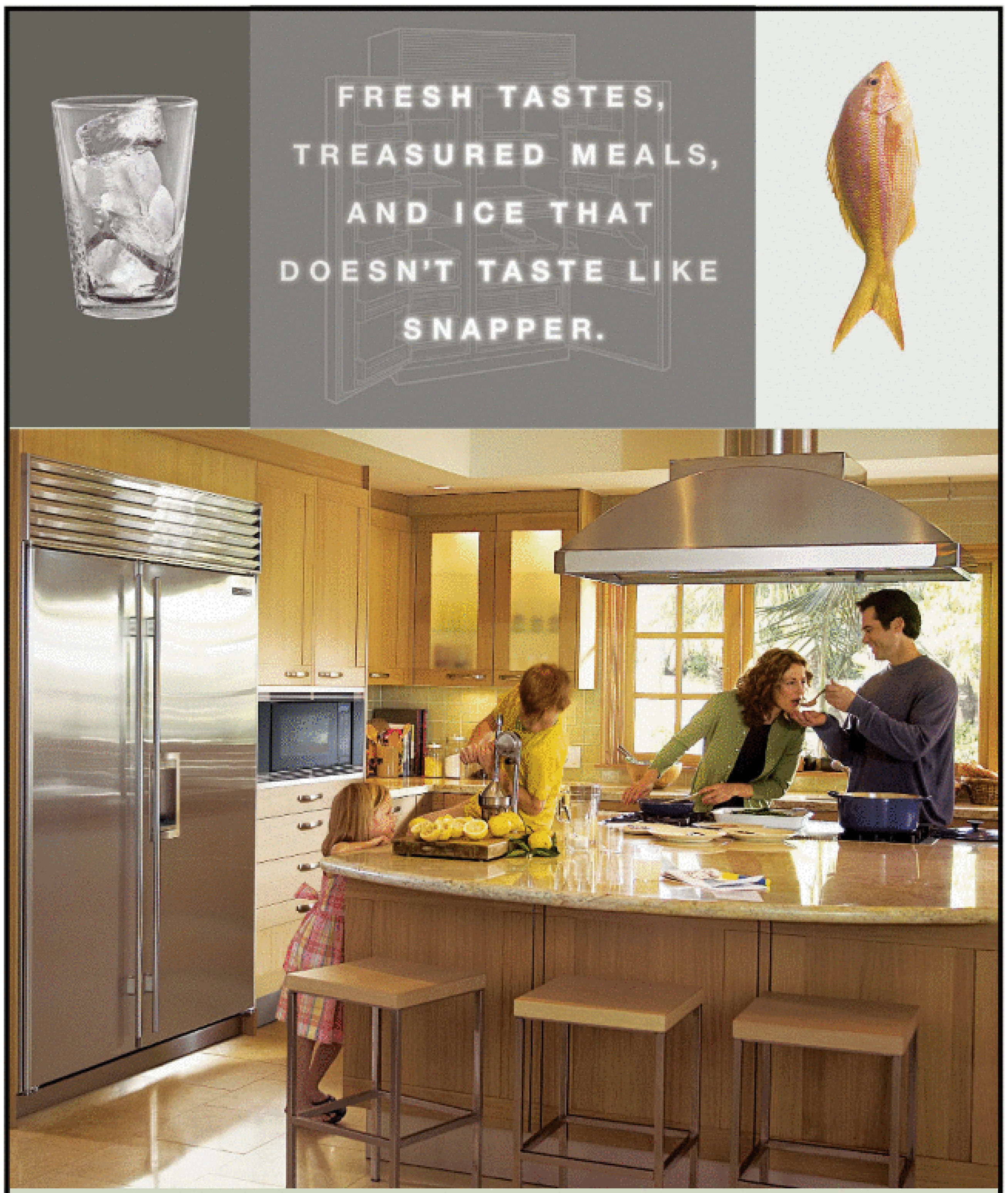

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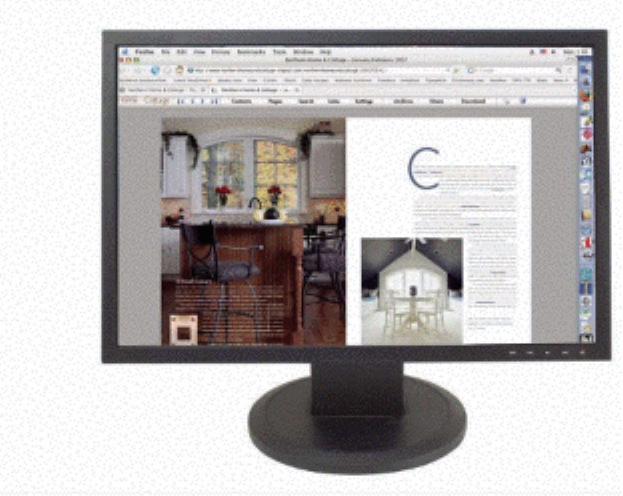

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For most of us Internet shopping is another logical, welcome step. With our fingers (and that credit card) we shop around the world. But the Internet is still pretty impersonal. Where is that relationship with the small-town retailer who knows what you need because she knows the way you live? How do you find the guy whose handcrafted work is the talk of the coffee shop?

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Elizabeth Edwards is managing editor of Northern Home & Cottage.

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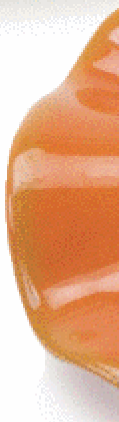

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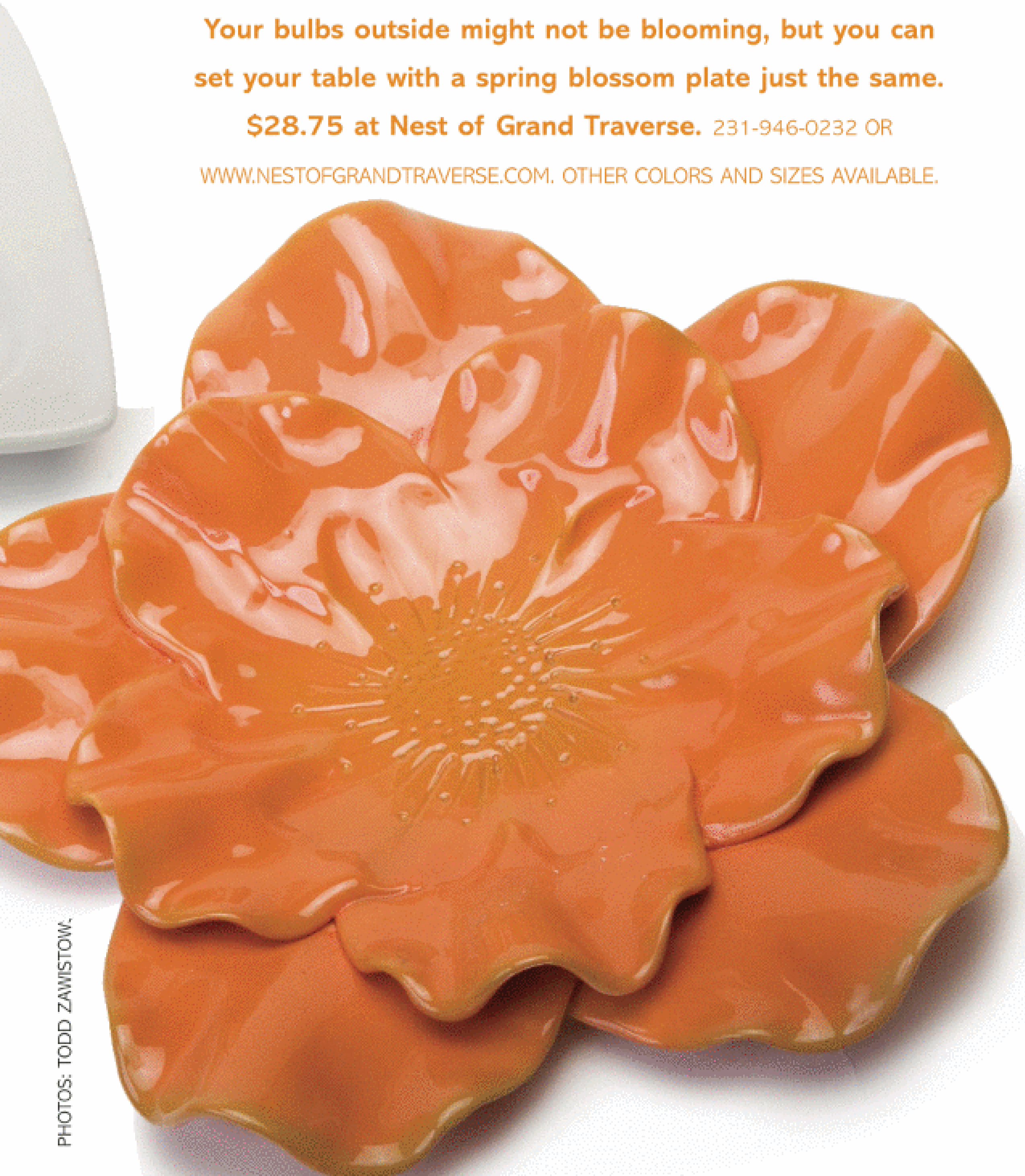

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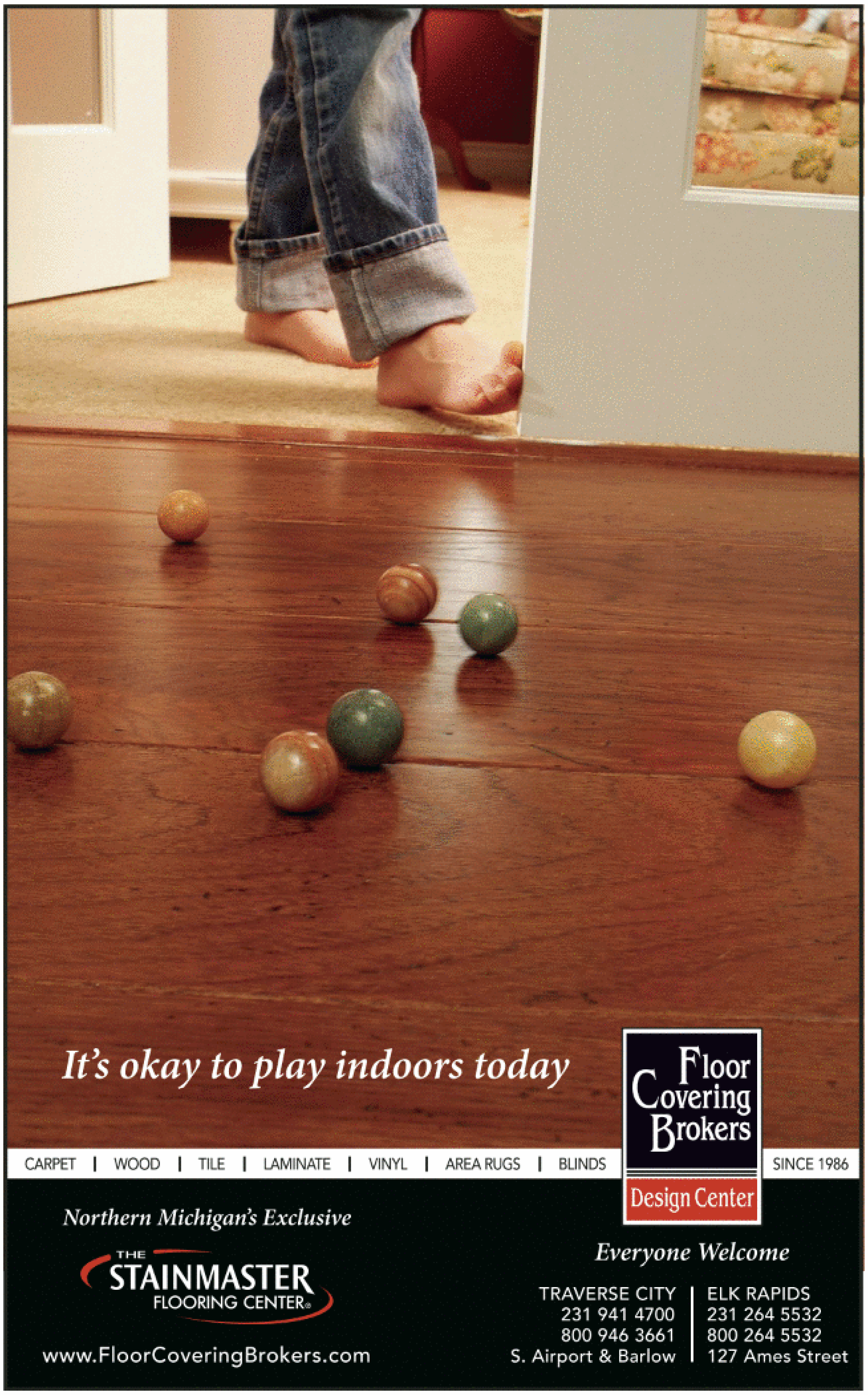
This year's tour includes at least five homes, as well as Oryana Natural Foods Market—a business that has parlayed reused building materials into a substantial cost savings, as well as an environmental statement. Among the stars of this year's tour are the 1920's cabinets from the old Alma school that Rebecca Austin has refurbished for her downtown Traverse City home. A ticket for the tour also gets you into the Peter Brockman residence where the cagey do-it-yourselfer has made good use of the fact that he lives close to Odom's—haunting its 10,000 square feet filled with salvageable material on a regular basis. Brockman will show off how he's retrofit countertops, doors, paneling, beams and bathroom fixtures for his home.

As in past years, the tour begins and ends at Odom's for refreshments and home improvement demonstrations, (Want to learn how to remove old paneling? Here's your chance.) Find Odom's at 5555 Brentwood Avenue, Grawn. For more information on the tour, including ticket prices, call 231-276-6330 or email: thehometour@gmail.com.



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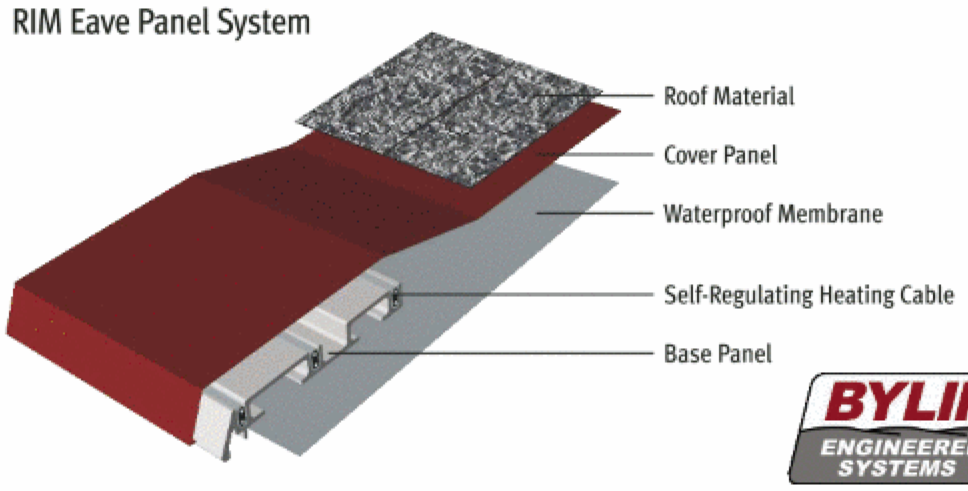

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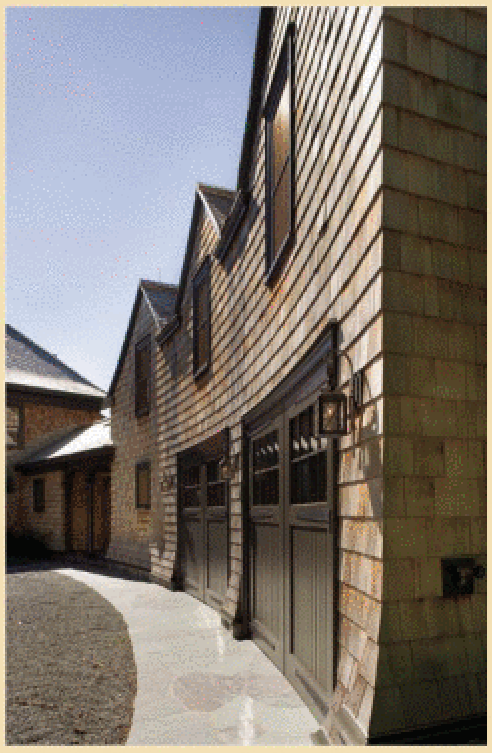

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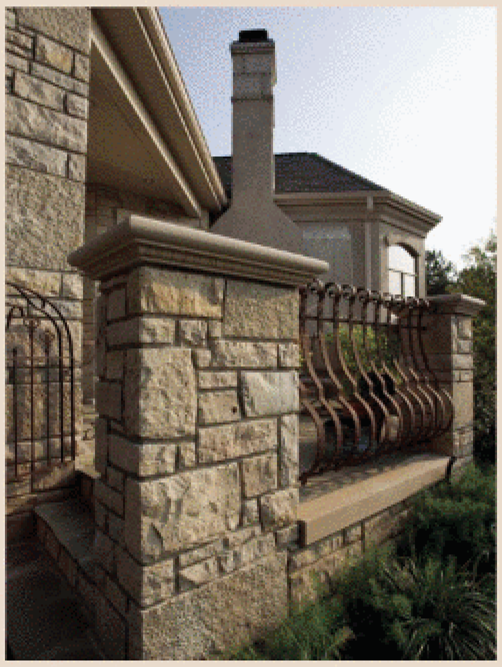

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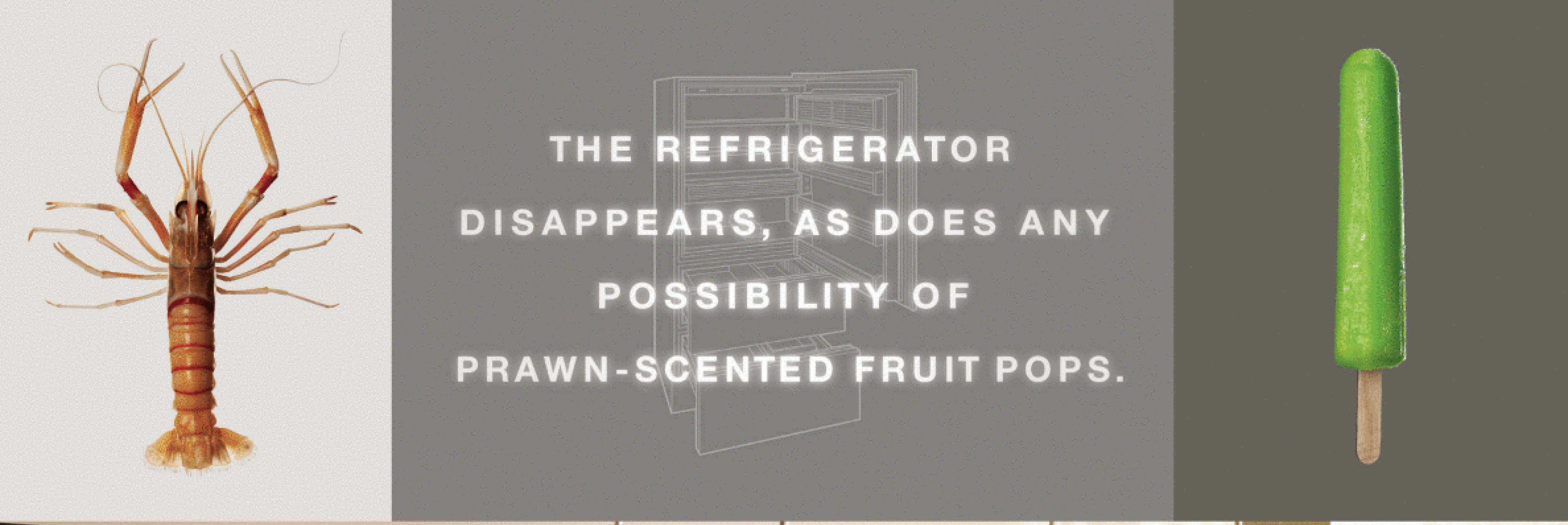

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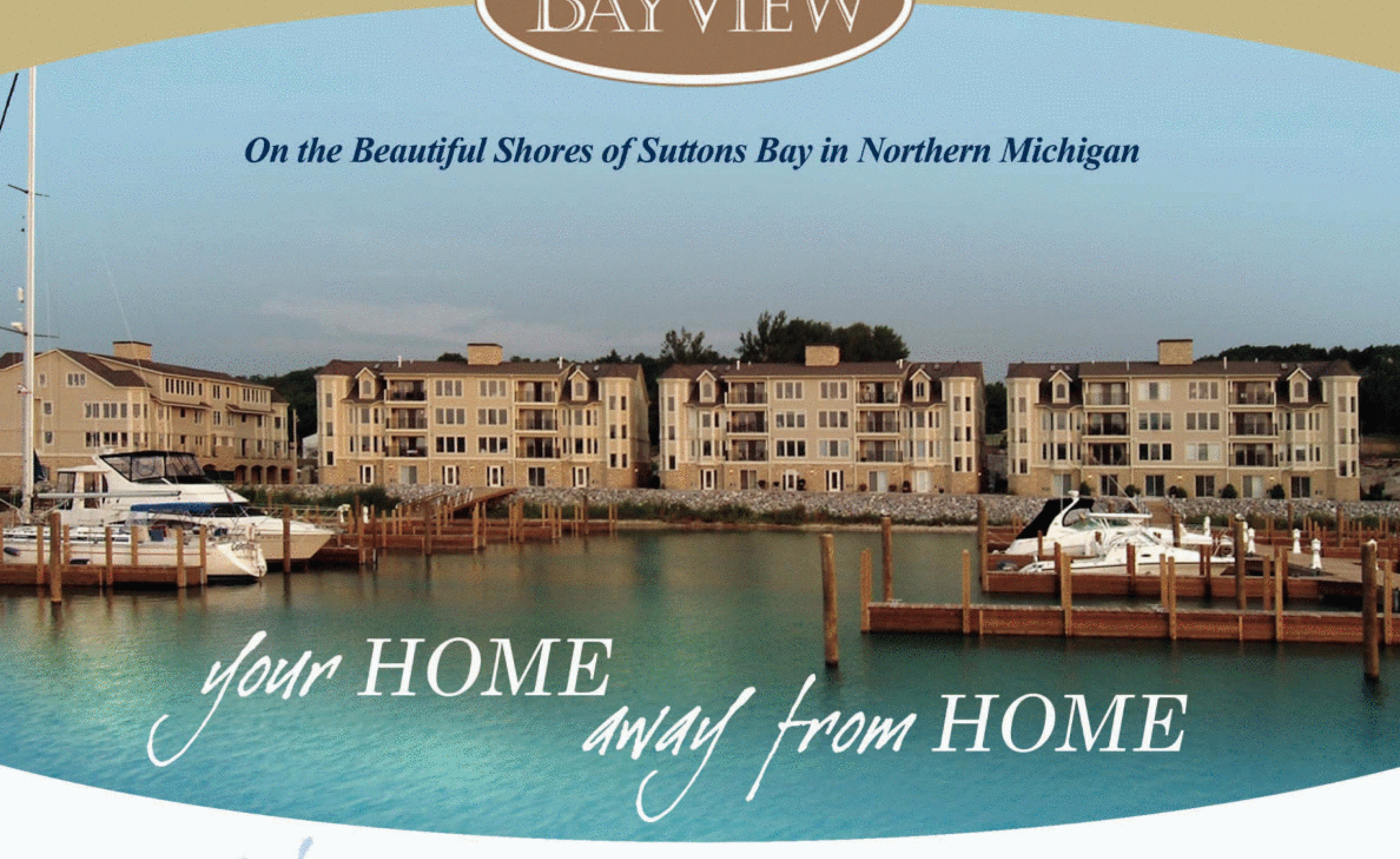

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RIVER REVIVAL

Serenity and nature are the stars at this log cabin with a rich past.

BY **PATTY LANOUE STEARNS** PHOTOGRAPHS BY **JEFF GARLAND PHOTOGRAPHY**

On a particularly verdant stretch of the storied Au Sable River near Grayling, John and Jane Haggerty look out the big picture windows of their vintage log home and feel right with the world. Cozy. Warm. Comfortable.

Their sense of calm is no doubt enhanced by the 1930's embrace of the home. But fact is, some of the place is brand new. And visitors would be hard pressed to discern where the original ends and the new begins, because the addition's finish work, decor and scale are so authentic. Part of a compound on the Au Sable's South Branch that included a main lodge and several outbuildings, this formerly rundown guesthouse has all the modern conveniences yet retains the original outdoorsman-getaway feel. It's rustic yet aristocratic, in the spirit of automotive moguls like General Motors Chairman W. C. Durant and George W. Mason, president of Kelvinator-Nash, both of whom built hunting and fishing lodges along the rambling river banks nearby.

The Haggertys bought the property in 2001 and immediately went to work on the exterior problems, replacing all of the windows and woodpecker-ravaged logs, redoing the crumbled chinking and shoring up the bridges that conveyed them back and forth across the river. They also brought their friend who worked on their home in Birmingham, interior designer Julia Knevels, up to Grayling to see the place. She and architect Kevin Hart teamed up to transform this oddly arranged gem of a cabin into something more functional and spacious.

"It was impractical," says Knevels, who was the point person on the project. The kitchen was downstairs, the living room, small den and bedroom were on the top with a narrow, curved staircase in between and another on the outside. And there was only one small bathroom. "Everything was so tight and so steep," she recalls. "But the house had very good bones—it wasn't cheaply built."

BELOW: The old (left) and the new (right) blend seamlessly in this toasty Au Sable cabin. **OPPOSITE:** The original structure, which the Haggertys added onto across the back.

SHELLAC-ED

To match the finish of the pine and cedar interior trim in the new addition with the look of the original interior, the Haggertys turned to the compound's longtime caretaker, Mike Graham, who doubles as a furniture maker. Graham chose to finish the new wood in shellac mixed with a bit of amber stain. Shellac is the natural and non-toxic (when dried) finish used in the original structure.–**P.L.S.**

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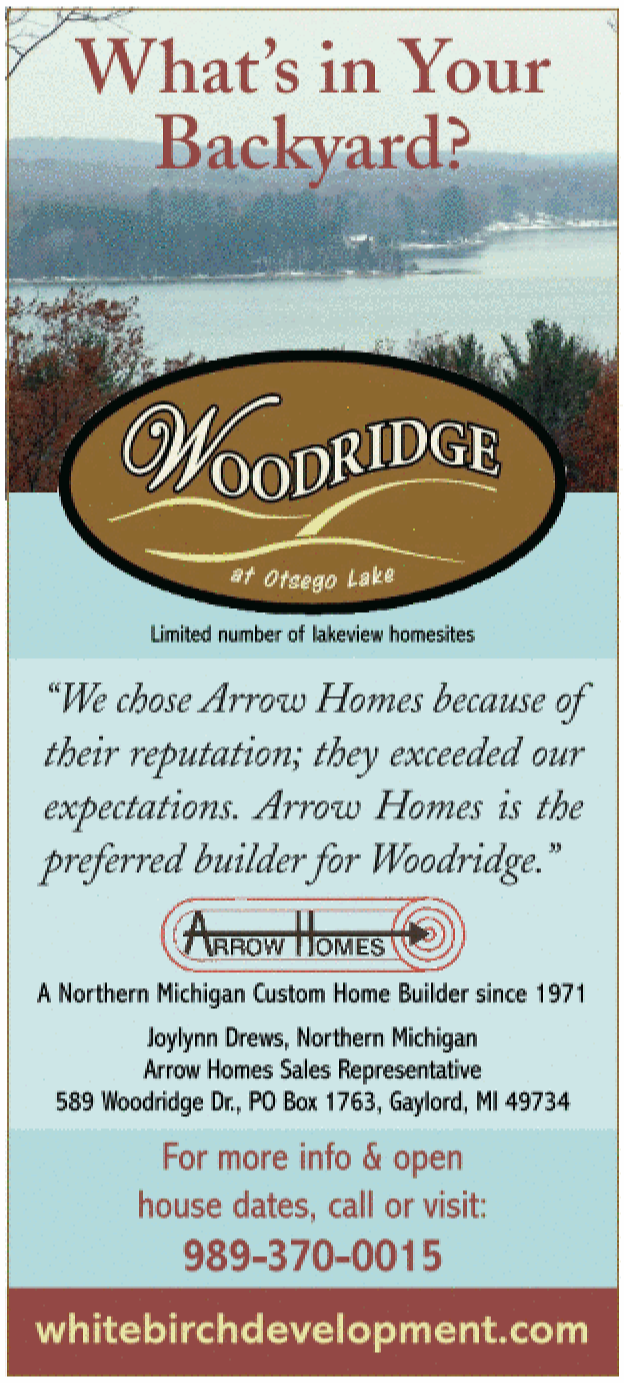
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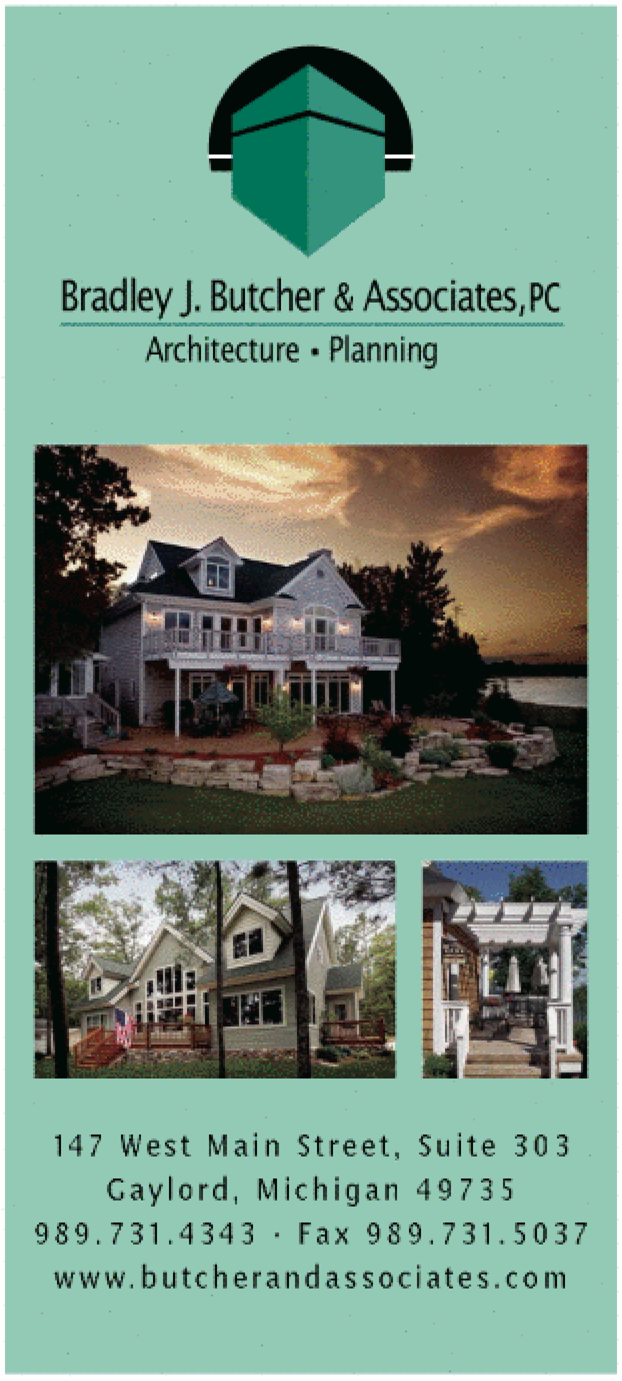
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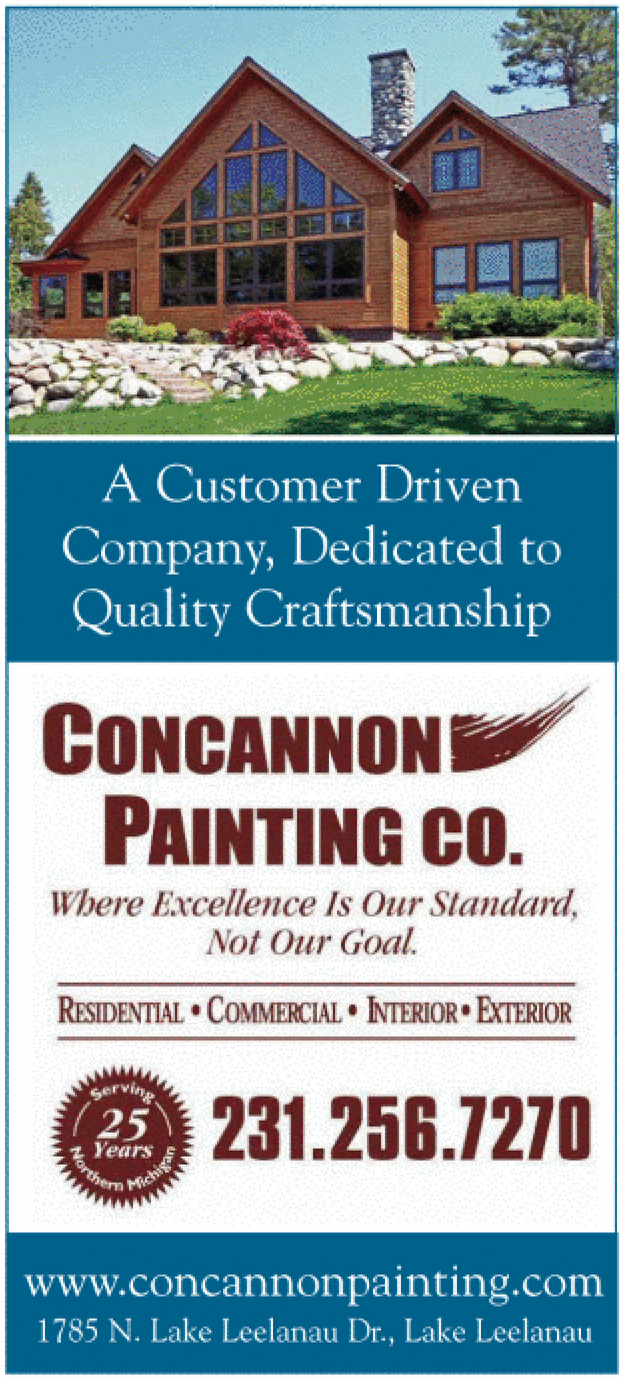
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SPORTS SCENE: Fly-fishing and kayaking the Au Sable, meeting up with other canoeists at the Fisherman's Chapel south of Smith Bridge. Snowshoeing and nature walks year round.

RIGHT: Interior Designer Julia Knevels found the perfect antiques and fabrics to match the vintage feel of this sportsman's retreat. **BELOW:** The setting shows one of the bridges the Haggertys repaired.

Hart agreed. When he brought his team up to see the cabin, he said it looked "almost fake, like a painting, it was so peaceful and serene. We didn't want to leave." Knevels and Hart launched the project with the goal of keeping a minimal contrast between old and new. The result was a new addition behind the original house that includes an open, light-filled kitchen, pantry, two guest rooms and a bath. On the outside, the stick-built addition is faced with three-quarter logs to match the original structure. On the inside the team installed built-ins galore, a Knevels trademark. To combat the darkness inherent in log homes, overhead spotlights, table and countertop lamps and corner lights ooze warmth.

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Those old tight steps were replaced, too, by a comfortably wide staircase. The Haggertys gave the cabin-sized kitchen downstairs a sprucing up and use it for extra storage. They also left the original upstairs living room virtually unchanged. Built to frame the rolling, sun-dappled Au Sable, it's hands down the best nature show around.

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DRAWING THE COTTAGE BATH

TEXT BY **ELIZABETH EDWARDS**

PHOTOGRAPHS BY **TODD ZAWISTOWSKI**

Kim Scholl wanted her bathroom to reflect her family's relaxed Up North lifestyle and to echo the circa-1900 summer homes that surround her Petoskey neighborhood. When she sketched out her ideas with kitchen and bath designer Dawn Whyte of Lake Street Design Studio, the result was classic cottage.

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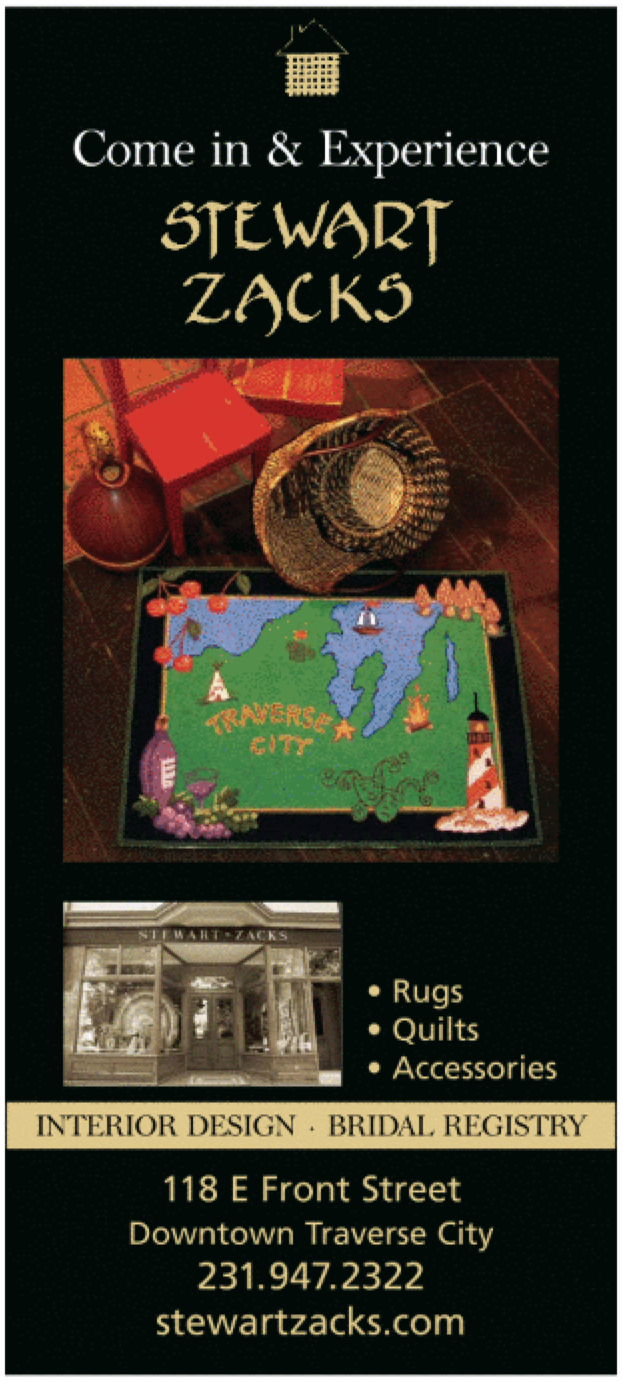
The vanity

After Whyte drew legs on the sketch of the vanity to make it look like a piece of antique furniture rather than just a cabinet, Scholl knew they were honing in on the right look.

The pair decided on a model from the StarMark Custom series. The tapered feet and maple Milan doors are so clean-lined and honest, the piece might have been hand built in Northern Michigan a century ago. With "his" and "her" sections and a nook in the middle for sitting and doing makeup, the vanity precisely matches the look and function Scholl desired. The creamy Durango limestone countertops have a honed finish. The sinks are Ladena undercounter by Kohler. The distressed glass knobs are from Anthropologie.

The mirrors

An artist friend gave Scholl picture frames for the mirrors. "They are ornate, and I liked the contrast with the simplicity of the rest of the room," she says. Scholl painted the frames black gloss, then had Skip's Petoskey Glass (see Resources, p.53) install the mirrors.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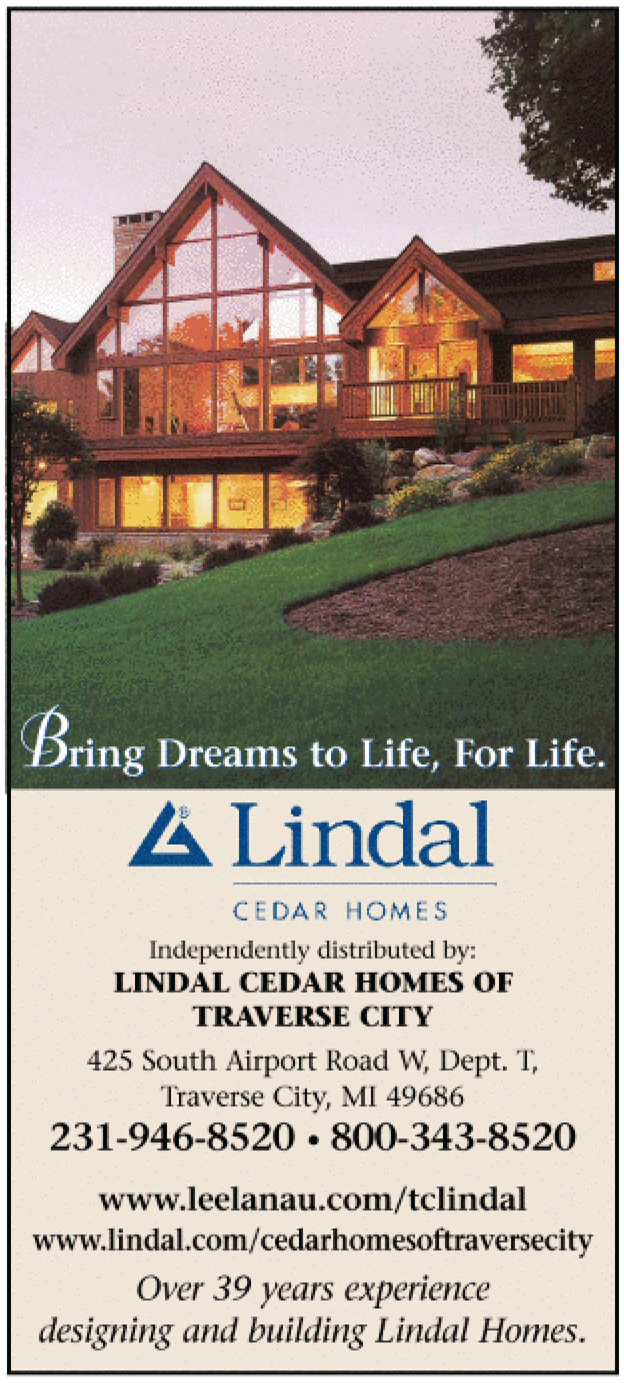
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The floor

Cream and white polished marble mosaic tiles are a classic foundation for a cottage bathroom. The light marble is Botticino, the dark marble is Nero Marquinia and the pattern is Canestro by Artistic Tile, from Tilestone Imports in Traverse City. In-floor radiant heat keeps the marble warm in winter.

The faucets

Scholl used chrome-finished Delta Victorian faucets throughout her home because she likes their genteel, old-fashioned feel. The sink faucets are Delta Victorian Widespread. The tub faucet is Delta Victorian Roman Tub.

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The tub

Scholl wanted to be sure her 6-foot-tall husband would be comfortable in the tub. So he went to the showroom and tried them out. The Mariposa whirlpool by Kohler proved the perfect fit.

The curtains

Scholl made the curtains out of white cotton and trimmed them with two rows of black grosgrain ribbon. Their demi size lets in the light but still offers privacy.

The chairs

Scholl purchased the white chair (p.24) from Lake Street Design Studio and uses it when she wants the room to feel bright and cottagey. She picked up the black chair (left) at a Petoskey consignment shop (see Resources, p.53) and had it covered in black velvet—perfect to use for dressing up for a night out.

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The paint

Purple. Classic yet fresh. Luxurious and relaxing. Out of all the color selections in her home the bathroom wall paint was the easiest for Scholl. The chosen shade: Benjamin Moore's Queen's Wreath (1426) in a stain-resistant matte finish—a must because the Scholls have two small children.

The cottage board

Five-inch-wide cottage board picks up the simple handmade look of the cabinets. Scholl liked the generous feeling of extending it two-thirds of the way up the wall—farther than traditional wainscoting.

The lingerie chest

Scholl says the pale aqua chest in the otherwise white and purple room was a happy afterthought. "It was a piece from our old house. I thought I'd try it here—and I liked it," she says.

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The upholstered leather settee in the breakfast nook is more intimate than a built-in bench—and keeps the space flexible. Both the oil painting above the couch and the print over the fireplace are from The Old Spud Warehouse.

Under the Northern Sun

After working in home decor for years, Larry and Candi Edwards have seen trends come and go. That's why they built and furnished their new home with enduring, sustainable style.

TEXT BY **JEANNE LESINSKI** PHOTOGRAPHS BY **TODD ZAWISTOWSKI**

ABOVE, CLOCKWISE: The Arts and Crafts style banister Larry designed. Larry also designed and built the fireplace mantel from tumbled marble, oak and walnut. Pine beams add a touch of craftsmanship to the beadboard ceiling. **OPPOSITE:** The downstairs guest bedroom is flooded with light from the adjacent four-season sun porch.

After 20 years of living in the Michigan woods, Larry and Candi Edwards moved into the sunshine. Their new home on 25 acres of meadow near Gaylord is flooded with light and expansive views of the rolling fields around it—a picture that changes with the seasons. Yet, as open as the setting is, the two-story house with its tan stucco exterior feels confident and organic, a fitting presence on the landscape.

Get close and the home's rich details come into focus: sweeping rooflines, flying gables, shakes painted in a soft shade of teal, cedar trim and fascia, pine beadboard soffits, curved eave brackets and copper gutters. Together, they echo the early 20TH-century Mission and bungalow styles that Gaylord architect Todd Seidell incorporated into the design to make the new home appear old—just as his clients wished.

The Edwardses' clear vision throughout the design process is perhaps no surprise, given that the couple has owned and operated the home decor store The Old Spud Warehouse in Gaylord for 10 years. Even so, the couple credit their inspiration to a particular book they carry in their store: *Creating the Not So Big House* (Taunton Press) by Sarah Susanka. Like Susanka's other books, *Creating the Not So Big House* stresses quality over quantity and size in a home. Inside the Edwardses' home that philosophy is reflected in a cozy, efficient floor plan featuring a galley kitchen, breakfast nook, dining room and four-season porch that all open onto the living room. But most of all, the design philosophy is expressed through an exquisite use of craftsmanship and detail.

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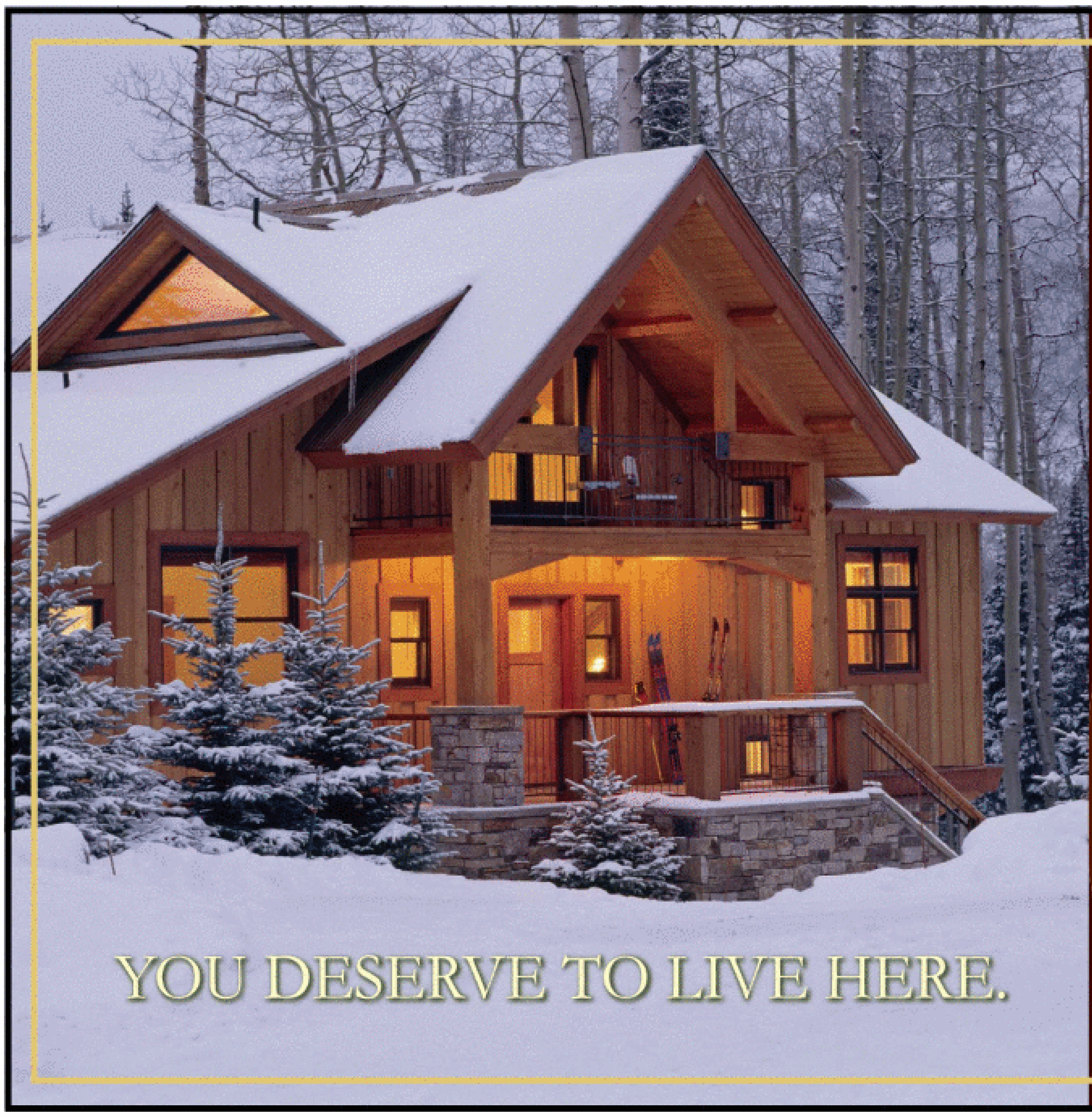

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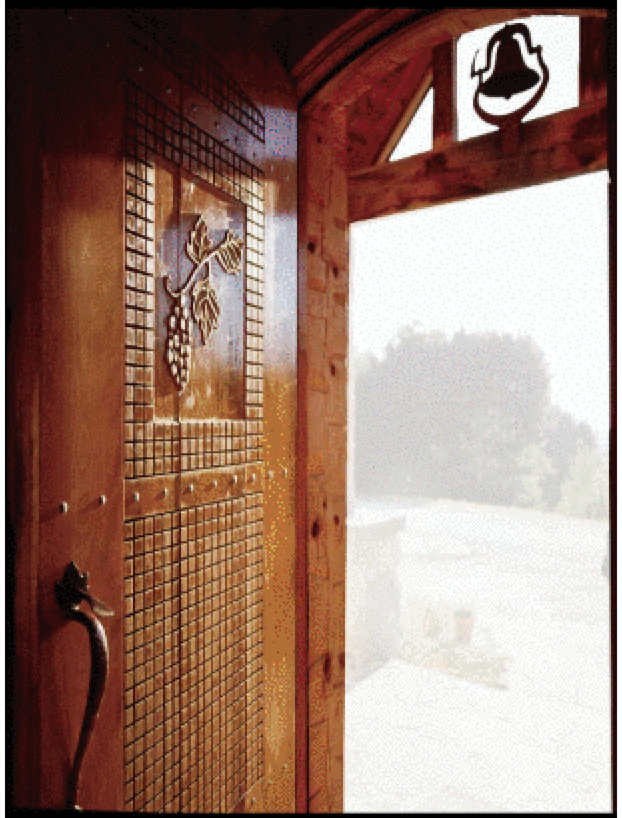

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ABOVE, FROM LEFT: The couple worked with Patti Olson of Etc. Kitchens and Baths to give the master bath a vintage feel to harmonize with the rest of the home. The print over the guestroom bed is from The Old Spud Warehouse.

Crafts–style stairway banister that he designed from cherry, walnut and maple. The craftsmanship continues throughout the home in elements like a custom walnut and cherry fireplace mantel, pine beadboard and beam ceilings, and a variety of interior doors made from oak, cherry or painted poplar. Some of the doors are antique and others are new but made narrower for a period look.

Cherry cabinets in the kitchen lend the small space sophistication, as does a custom-designed beverage hutch, where everything from coffee to wine is served. The hutch, inspired by Candi but designed by Patti Olson of Etc. Kitchens and Baths in Harbor Springs, is stained in shades of chartreuse and port.

To choose the warm, colorful interior wall paint palette, Candi looked to the organic colors of the Arts and Crafts period and to the shades of the meadow outside her windows. The couple has culled an eclectic mixture of corduroy and leather furniture from the Old Spud Warehouse. Some of the artwork is from their store, as well. But the very best landscapes came with the home they designed so carefully. "Our artwork is our view," Candi says.

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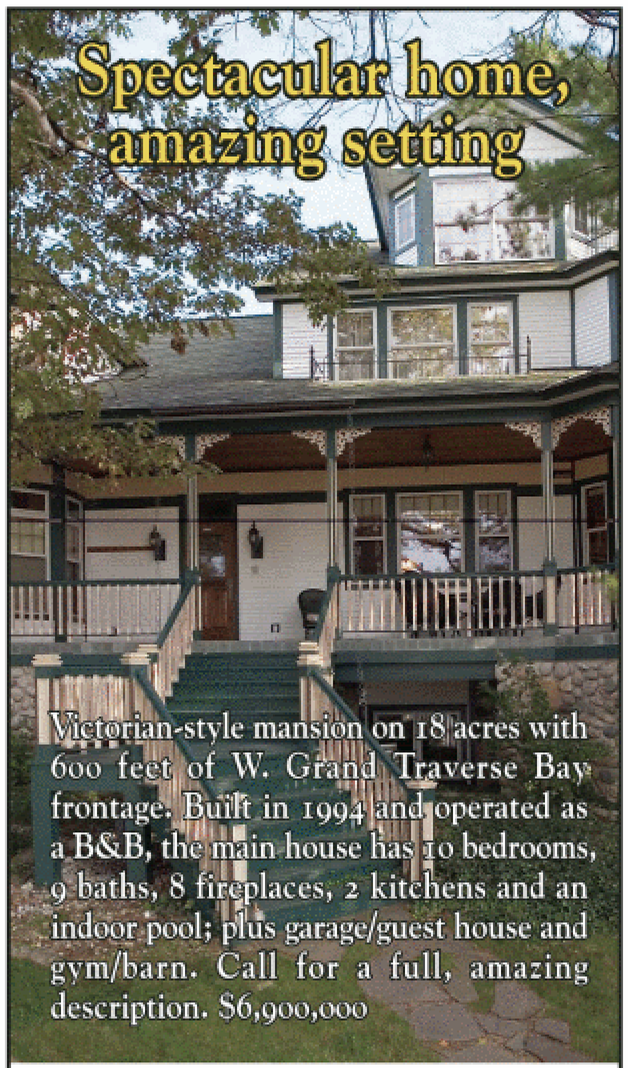

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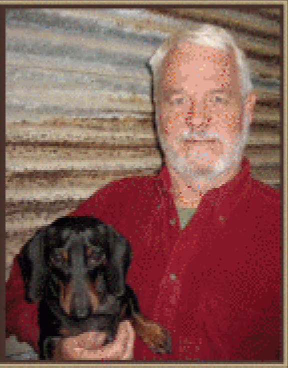

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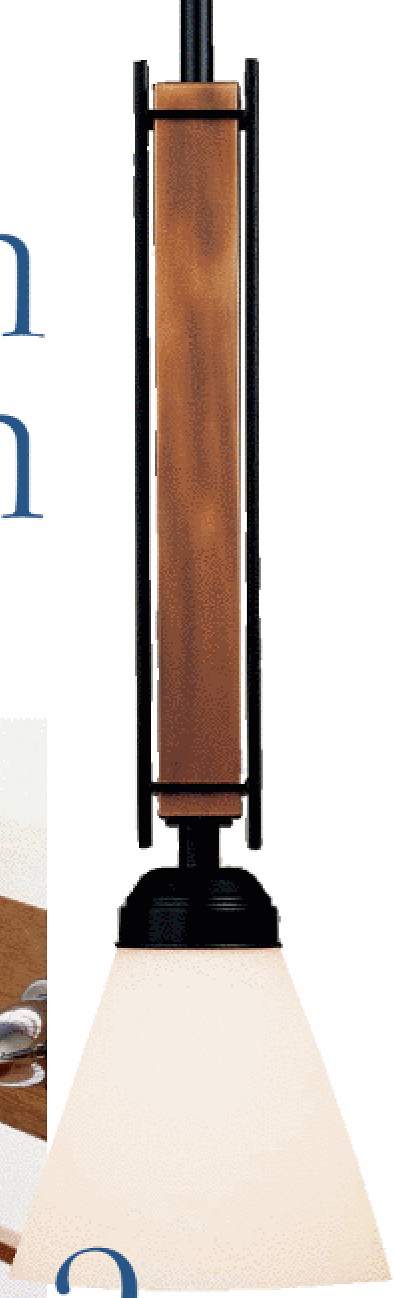

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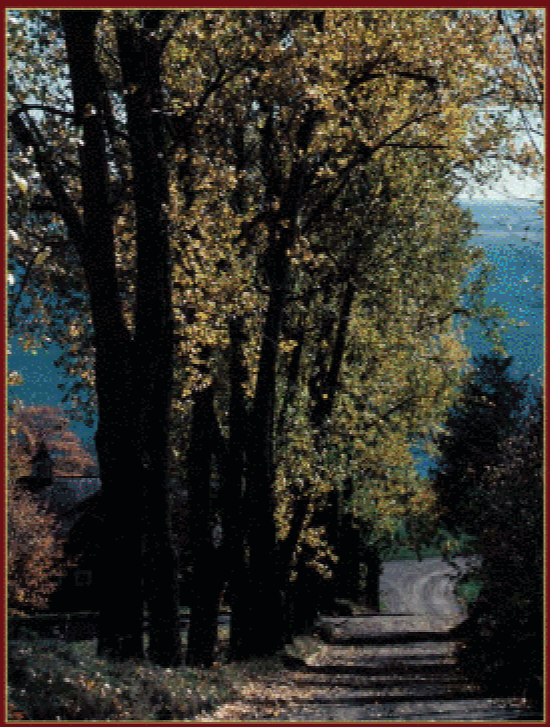

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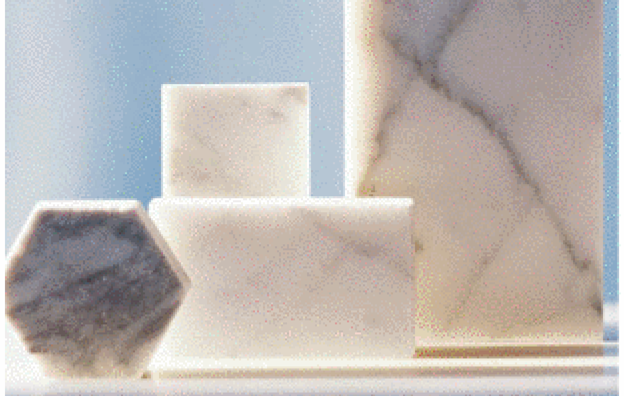

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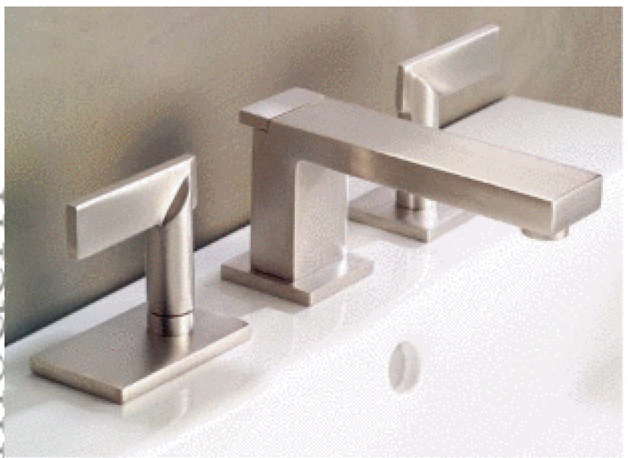

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Would you loan me money to buy this house? Bob did.

TEXT BY **JEFF SMITH**

ABOVE: The author's house.

Call it fate, providence, superstition; I admit that I'm susceptible now and then to looking for messages in worldly happenings. One such time occurred when my wife and I were house shopping and were walking through an abandoned farmhouse. It was an evening near the end of June, and I was standing alone in the kitchen. I looked out the window and saw close by in the field a fawn, spots still on, nursing from its mother. The fawn's neck twisted up and around so improbably; the coppery coats of solstice glowed in the red twilight. I thought, Well, what more auspicious sign could there be? And we set about to buy the house.

Our mission soon led us to mortgage man Bob. Bob worked in the basement of a bank, papers stacked everywhere around him. He had moved not long before from a Detroit suburb and now lived on the Au Sable River. The commute took him an hour, but you could tell his new life justified the travel. To my mind, he had a kind of 1940's persona, lots of talking, lamenting that he didn't fish more, working in the machine, but fighting for the little guy.

My wife and I were doing the renovation on a shoestring, so we were going to be the general contractors and do as much of the basic construction as we could, which meant we had to convince Bob that we had the experience to handle the job, or rather, the money. And more important, Bob had to be able to prove to his bosses that he was giving a bunch of dough to people who were worth the risk. We had done some renovation to our home in Minneapolis, but on a pretty small scale. So we wrote up a description of our experience. We exaggerated every nail we'd ever pounded into something grander, something that took organizing, planning, foresight, something that spoke of construction expertise.

I'm sure Bob had been playing the mortgage game long enough to completely understand the load of hooey, but he still got us the money. I remember thinking, Is this even legal, giving a couple of greenhorns this much money to renovate a house when they don't even really know what they are doing? What would Bob's bosses think if they really knew? I kept expecting the mortgage police to come out and put a stop to the whole thing. To be honest, I don't know if Bob's support was about trusting us based on some kind of character judgment and belief in the common man or if he just had a monthly loan goal to meet and was desperate for the business.

Either way, we ran with it, and Bob was with us the whole way. He made sure we put the right numbers in the right spreadsheet boxes, worked with us to get extensions after the

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original yearlong construction period ran out. “I really want to get out and see your house,” he said every time we met with him to go over the progress report. Maybe he was afraid of what he’d see, but I like to believe he, like the rest of us, just wanted affirmation that his job made a difference in people’s lives.

I have no idea how Bob truly felt about his job. But my sense was that he had decided to be a mortgage man early on and, having chosen that horse to ride, was going to ride it for all it was worth. There’s a saying I like: The world loves a man who loves his work. I think that applied to Bob.

Fate visited me again a few months ago. My wife and I had been turning over the idea of a home equity line of credit. It kind of scared me, but with kids heading to college, we saw it had its merits. Still, I couldn’t quite get myself to call Bob. One morning, as the equity line question drifted in my mind, I decided to clean out a filing cabinet. I pulled open the ignored bottom drawer and stared at the anonymous folders that crammed the space. Getting started on the dreary task, I stuck my finger into one and pried it open barely an inch. There was Bob’s name and phone number, right there, at the top of the first piece of paper I looked at. I thought, Well, what are the odds? This is a sign. I closed the drawer and called Bob.

His secretary answered the phone. It had been about six years since I’d called. “Does Bob still work there?” I asked. She paused.

“I’m sorry to say that Bob passed away Saturday, his funeral is today at noon,” she said.

So my fate was not to have Bob write us an equity line. It took me a day, though, to figure what the message was: to write about Bob and consider what each of us contributes in our work.

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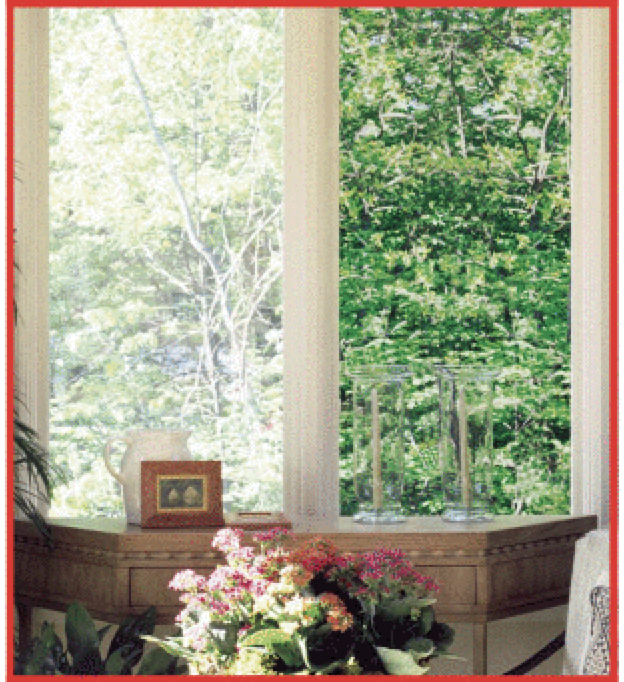
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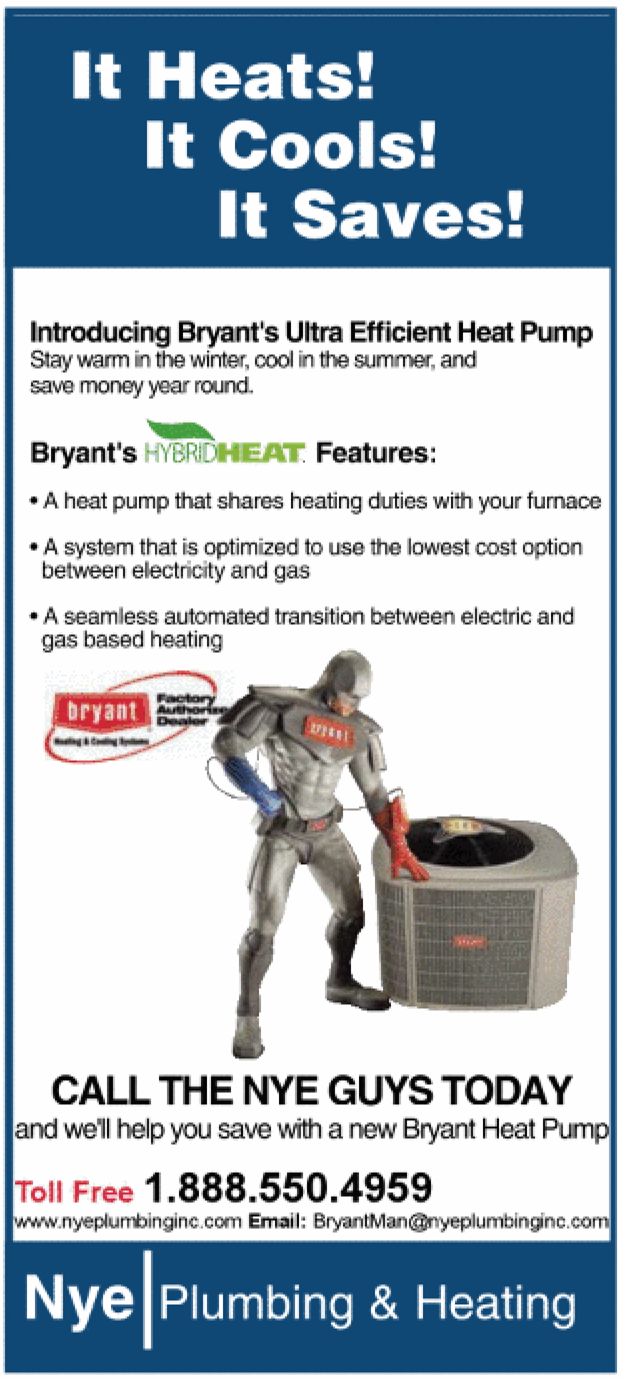
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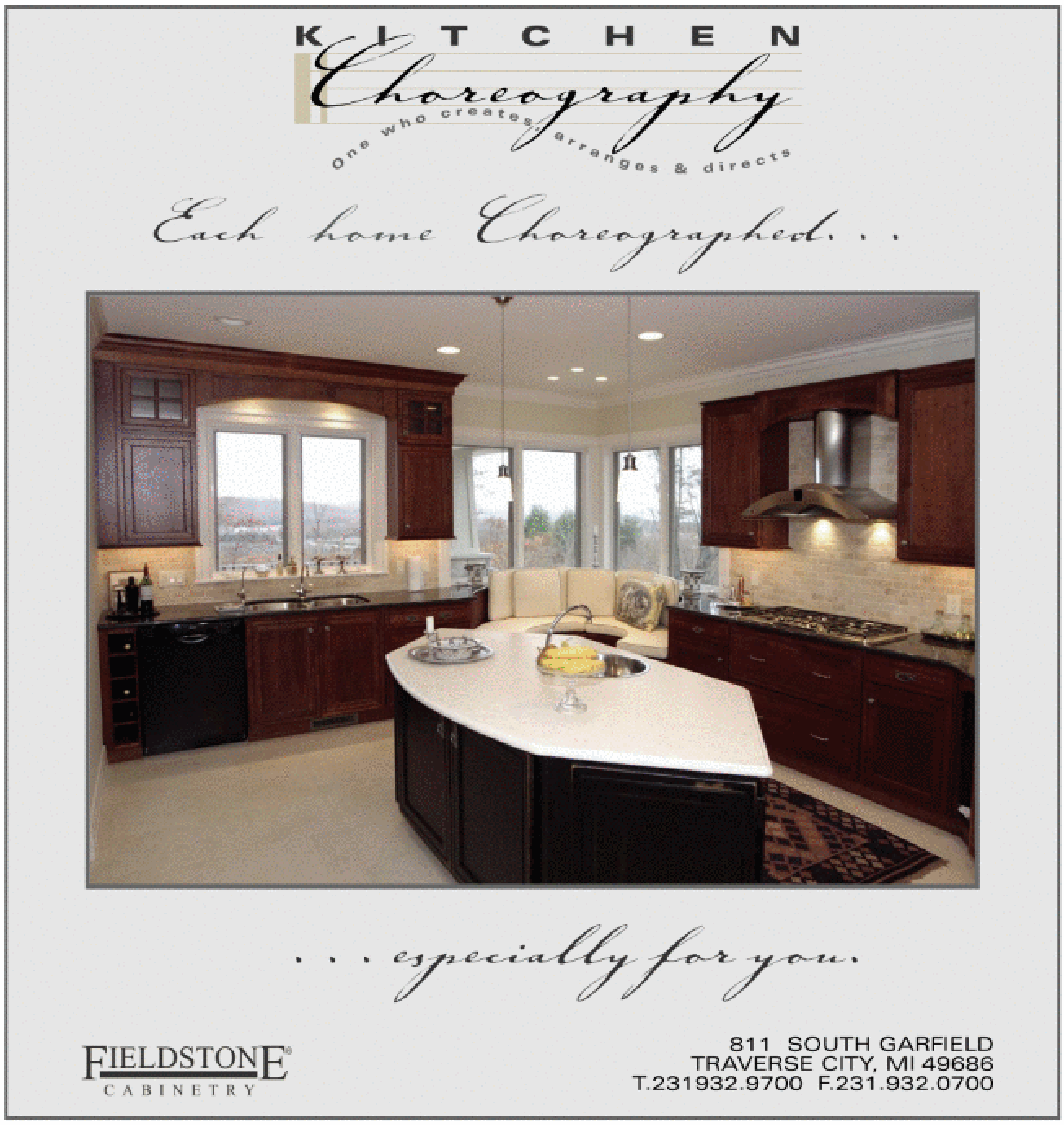
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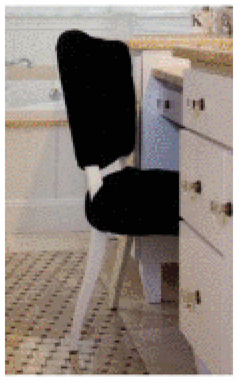

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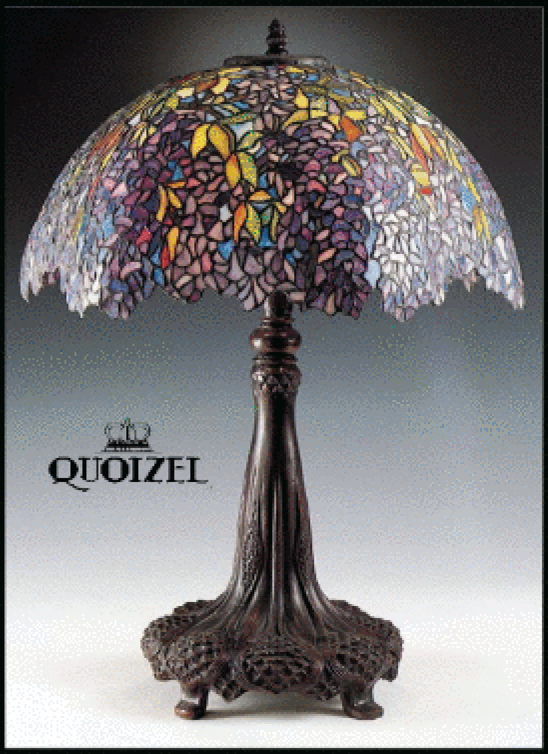

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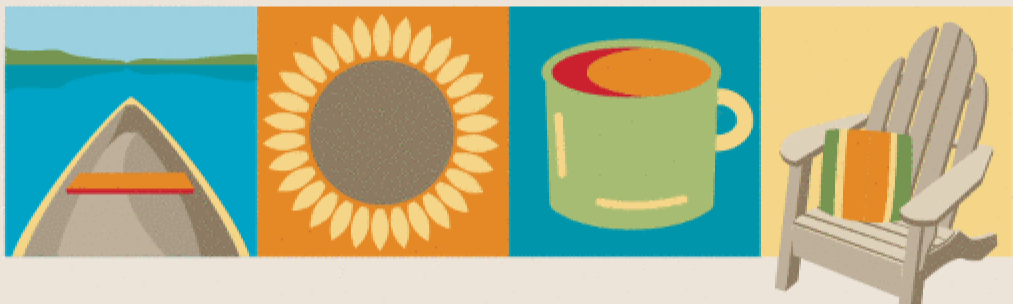

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